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SUBJECT: WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE - COMMITTEE TWO

MEETING, NOVEMBER 8

1. COMMITTEE TWO. STATEMENTS FROM TWENTY-TWO MORE DELEGATIONS COMPLETED INITIAL DISCUSSION OF FOOD INFORMATION SYSTEM MORNING OF NOVEMBER 8. NOTABLE WERE:

A) ALGERIAN DIVERGENCE FROM SKEPTICISM OF OTHER ARAB OIL EXPORTERS ABOUT NEED FOR NEW INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS. ALGERIA CALLED FOR SETTING UP NEW INFORMATION SYSTEM WHICH SUBSEQUENTLY COULD BE FOLDED INTO COMPREHENSIVE NEW INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION DEALING WITH ALL FOOD COMMODITY MATTERS. IMPLICATION CLEARLY WAS THAT ALGERIA IS CONSIDERING CALLING FOR MAJOR NEW INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION.

B) USSR POSED SERIES OF QUESTIONS ABOUT PRACTICAL ASPECTS

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OF IMPROVING FOOD INFORMATION, WITHOUT ACTUALLY OPPOSING IMPROVED

SYSTEM. POLAND WENT FURTHER AND SAID THAT, ESPECIALLY IN CURRENT SHORT SUPPLY SITUATION, COMPREHENSIVE COMMODITY DATA WOULD BENEFIT SPECULATION. THEREFORE, POLAND COULD CONSIDER PARTICIPATING IN NEW OR EXPANDED SYSTEM ONLY AFTER MEASURES TAKEN TO INSURE MARKET STABILITY. GDR, LIKE SOVIETS, OFFERED BILATERAL TECHNICAL HELP TO LDCS TO IMPROVE EXISTING DATA COLLECTION MEANS.

C) ASSISTANT FAO DG OJALA GAVE COMPREHENSIVE DESCRIPTION OF EXISTING AND PROTOTYPE FAO DATA COLLECTION AND ANALYSIS EFFORTS. IT WAS CLEAR FROM HIS PRESENTATION THAT FAO IS DEPENDENT UPON INFORMATION GOVERNMENTS ARE WILLING TO PROVIDE AND THAT FAO DATA IS NOT CURRENT ENOUGH TO MEET MANY NEEDS IN DECISION MAKING. WHILE IMPRESSIVE IN ITS DETAIL, HIS PRESENTATION LEFT IMPRESSION THAT MULTILATERAL FOOD INFORMATION SYSTEMS ARE UNLIKELY TO MEET NEEDS SPECIFIED IN DRAFT RESOLUTION 6. WHILE THERE WERE REFERENCES TO FAO-INTERNATIONAL WHEAT COUNCIL COLLABORATION, TO OVERCOME LACK OF SOVIET MEMBERSHIP IN FAO, IWC REPRESENTATIVE HAS NOT COMMENTED AND ADEQUACY OF THESE ARRANGEMENTS REMAINS HAZY. INFORMAL GROUP, ON WHICH US REPRESENTED, WILL RECOMMEND AMENDMENTS TO DRAFT RESOLUTION BASED UPON PROPOSALS MADE FROM FLOOR. MEANWHILE, COMMITTEE TWO DEBATE SHIFTED TO DRAFT RESOLUTION 7 ON WORLD FOOD SECURITY.

2. IN AFTERNOON COMMITTEE TWO TOOK UP DRAFT RESOLUTION 7 --

INTERNATIONAL UNDERTAKING ON WORLD FOOD SECURITY. ALL DELEGATIONS SUPPORTED THE RESOLUTION AND THE UNDERTAKING, SEVERAL STATING IT WAS THE MOST IMPORTANT ITEM ON THE AGENDA OF WFC. A FEW EXPRESSED CONCERN AT THE POSSIBLE EFFECT OF RESERVES ON PRICES (ARGENTINA AND CANADA), AND SPAIN PROPOSED THAT THE FAO CARRY OUT ECONOMIC STUDIES BEFORE APPROVING AND IMPLEMENTING THE UNDERTAKING. NUMEROUS AMENDMENTS WERE PROPOSED. LDCS GENERALLY SUPPORTED EXPANSION OF THE UNDERTAKING TO INCLUDE FOODS OTHER THAN CEREALS, AN INTERNATIONALLY MANAGED STOCK OF GRAINS, AND THE INCLUSION OF FOOD AID IN PARA 3 OF RESOLUTION. SEVERAL ALSO EMPHASIZED THE IMPORTANCE OF THE OBJECTIVE OF PRICE STABILIZATION.

YUGOSLAVIA INDICATED LDCS ARE CONSIDERING PROPOSING AN ALTERNATIVE TO OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH ONE WHICH ASSIGNS RESPONSIBILITY TO FAO FOR ORGANIZING IMPLEMENTATION OF THE UNDERTAKING. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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YUGO-DEL SPECIFICALLY EMPHASIZED DESIRABILITY OF ENCOURAGING UNIVERSAL PARTICIPATION. THE PHILIPPINES PROPOSED ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW WORLD FOOD SECURITY COMMISSION TO BE ELECTED HALF BY UN AND HALF BY FAO.

SRI LANKA STATED PARA TWO CALLING FOR NEGOTIATION BY MAJOR CEREALS-PRODUCING AND CONSUMING STATES WAS A PRACTICAL SOLUTION BUT FINLAND SPEAKING FOR NORDIC GROUP URGED INCLUSION OF ALL

GOVERNMENTS ON GROUNDS THAT A UN BODY SHOULD NOT INVITE A FEW COUNTRIES TO DEAL WITH A MATTER IN WHICH MANY OTHER MEMBERS ARE INTERESTED. NICARAGUA AND OTHER LDCS SUPPORTED FINLAND'S POINT.

CANADA SAID THAT QUESTIONS OF (Q) BURDEN-SHARING AND (2) ISOLATING RESERVES FROM COMMERCIAL MARKETS NEED TO BE RESOLVED BEFORE CANADA COULD COMMIT ITSELF TO PARTICIPATION IN A RESERVES SCHEME. IN CURRENT MARKET, THE MAIN EFFORT SHOULD BE AIMED AT FOOD AID RESERVES. EFFICIENT PRODUCERS SHOULD BE ENCOURAGED BY STABILIZATION ARRANGEMENTS, FORWARD CONTRACTING AND STOCK POLICIES.

PAKISTAN PROPOSED A NEW PARAGRAPH ENDORSING THE "OBJECTIVES, POLICIES, AND GUIDELINES AS SET OUT IN "THE UNDERTAKING. USDEL SOUGHT OUT PAKISTAN DEL TO INDICATE US INTEREST IN THIS LANGUAGE AND TO SUGGEST THAT IT ALSO BE INCLUDED IN PREAMBULAR PARAGRAPH REFERRING TO "ADHERENCE TO THE UNDERTAKING," SO THAT IT WOULD READ "ADHERENCE TO THE OBJECTIVES, POLICIES, AND GUIDELINES SET FORTH IN THE UNDERTAKING." PAKISTAN APPEARED RESPONSIVE. VOLPE

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